(b) if so, the terms of reference of the panel ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of the panel are as under :

(i) to make an assessment of the technologies available for vehicular pollution control in the world;

(ii) to make an assessment of the current status of technology available in India for controlling vehicular pollution;

(iii) to look at the low cost alternatives for operating vehicles at reduced pollution levels in the metropolitan cities in India;

(iv) to examine the feasibility of measures to reduce/eliminate pollution from motor vehicles both on short term and long term basis and make appropriate recommendations in this regard;

(v) to make specific recommendations on the administrative/ legal regulations required for implementing the recommendation in (iii) above.

Special Leave to the Participants of National Sports

3234. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sportsmen participating in National Sports are granted special leave by their undertakings/ Banks for participating in the National Sports;

(b) whether the Nationalised Banks are not granting special leave for participating in the National Sports;

(c) whether the Government have fixed some criteria for grant of special leave from their Banks/Undertakings etc.; and

(d) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) : (a) to (d) As per instructions issued by Department of Personnel and Training, Central Government Servants, who are selected for participation in sporting events of national/international importance, the period of actual days, on which they participate as also the time spent in travelling to and from such tournaments, is treated as duty. Special Casual Leave for a period, not exceeding 30 days in the calendar year, is also allowed for attending coaching camps etc. in sports.

The Public Sector Undertaking/ Banks also usually follow the above guidelines which have been brought to their notice.

Birth-Centenary Celebration of Pt. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

3235. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the arrangements made and the steps the Government

propose to take to celebrate birth centenary year of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : The Birth Centenary of Pt. Ishwar Chandra Vidya Sagar was in the year 1920 and as such the question of celebrating it this year does not arise.

[Translation]

Grant to Colleges in Bihar by UGC

3236. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of grants being provided under various heads by the University Grants Commission for the development of the Kalidas-Vidyapati College, Uchchaith (Benipathi) Mandan-Bharti College, Rahika Harijan Sanskrit College, Barha situated in the extremely rural areas of Madhubani district of Bihar and the Kalidas memorial College, Chandona in Darbhanga district which have been set up after the names of historical personalities; and

(b) the grants being provided for the development of Kameshwar Singh Sanskrit University, Darbhanga and L. N. University, Darbhanga and the reasons for giving less grants to these Universities than all the other Universities in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) According to the information furnished by UGC, the grants sanctioned by the Commission to Kalidas Vidyapati Science College, Uchchaith; Bharti Mandan College, Rahika; and Mahakavi Kalidas Smarak College, Trimuhan during the 7th Plan period are indicated in the statement attached. The Harijan Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Basha is not recognised under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act and hence, is not eligible to receive financial assistance from the Commission.

(b) According to the information furnished by UGC, the position regarding the grants allocated to K. S. Darbhanga Sanskrit University and L. N. Mithila University during the 7th Plan is as follows :—

(Rupees in lakh)

University	Grants allocated	Grants released
1. K.S. Darbhanga Sanskrit University	72.62	18.61
2. L. N. Mithila University	72.67	53.50